dend of 8 W cent., payable Feb. 1. The company reports for the year ending Dec. 31;

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Net earn . \$3,447,000 Int. & rents. 2,415,000

Surplus ... \$1,032,000 Prop. to C.S. 282,000

Prop to M.C., \$750,000 Other Income 41,000

Balance.... \$44,480

Bid. Asked.

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Canadian Pacific... 83's Northern Pacific ft. 60's Chesapeake & Ohio. 22
Chesapeake & Ohio. 22
Criscon, a a p... 15's Pensylvania... 58's Eric con. a a p... 15's Reading, 1st a p... 11's Illinois Central 106% Reading 1st pf...... 26 954

Norfolk & Wpf, n., 49 | Wabash pf...... 184 WEDNESDAY, Dec. 22. The comparatively slight speculative interest reflected in to-day's stock market centred in Manhattan Railway, Metropolitan Street Railway, and the anthracite coal stocks. The net the local railway shares was explained the Metropolitan and the Third Avenue Railroad time, Third Avenue Railroad stock enjoyed a net advance of 6 points. The adjustment of the differences between the two surface road systems is obviously of great advantage to both of them. The advance in the shares of the anthracite coal carrying companies has a substantial foundation in the determination of the managers of those companies to conserve their business by conducting it in a sensible and harmonious way, though not through the medium of a joint or central of sensational newspapers this morning. The improvement in the anthracite group included Delaware and Hudson and Sus Western preferred. The declaration of the usual dividends by the Vanderbilt companies, on fairly good showings for the year, following the list of dividends de clared yesterday, had a good effect upon speculative sentiment. The market, however, con tinued dull, for reasons that have been adverted to in this column during the last two days. A further decline in the rates of foreign exchange and absence of indications of uncomfortable activity in the money market strengthened the general situation. Confidence in the future of the market for railway securities would doubtless be increased if the truni lines and other transportation companies represented in the Central Traffic Association would devise some plan for maintaining rates or live up to the egreements which apparently are made only to be broken. The closing of the stock market was in the main strong at about the best prices. Final sales compare with those of yesterday as follows: Dec. 21, Dec. 22, Dec. 21, Dec. 22, A, T&SFe. 12% 12% NW com...121 121 A,T&SFep 30 30% NPac com. 21% 21 Am SRef...138 138% NFac pf... 58% 58% Am Tob... 85% 88 NY Crat... 107 106% Brook RT... 32% NJ Cent... 94% 95% Can South. 54% 53% out & W... 15% 16% C. B&Q... 99% 99% Peo G&C... 96% 96% Con Gas... 181 182% Peo Mail... 29% 30 LE & West 15% 15% 1C, 1 & 11. 24% 24% Lattede Gas 44% 44% Para 25% 25% Manh Con. 103% 106% US Leath. 7 7% OF Pacino. 33% 33% Wabash... 7 7% Mo Pacific. 33¹2 33¹2 Wabash... 7 Met St Ry. 124⁷8 127 Wabash pf. 18 Norf & W p 47⁷8 47²6 W Un Tel. 88 Government bonds steady at unchanged quotations. Railway bonds firmer. The features were Chesapeake and Ohio consol 5s, Chicago Terminal 1sts, t. r.; Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf 1sts, Reading general 4s. Rio Grande Western 1sts, Union Pacific p. m. ctfs., and Northern Pacific issues. The more important net advances were in Chesapeake and Ohio consol 5s. 58 9 cent., to 1123; Chicago Termina 1sts. t. r., 4, to 46; Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf 1sts. 4. to 794: Northern Pacific prior 4s, ¹8. to 94°8, and general 3s. ¹9, to 60°8; Ric Grande Western 1sts. ¹2, to 83, and Union Pa cific p. m. ctfs., ¹2 ♥ cent., to 112. Commercial price of bar silver in New York, 56%c. Bar silver in London closed at 26.7-16d. Mexican silver dollars were quoted at 45%c. Imports from Mexica to-day were 103,000 ounces of silver and \$3,500 gold. ounces of silver and \$3,000 gold.

Money on call 3@4 \$\vert \text{cent.}, closing at the lower figure. Time money firm, and is quoted: Sixty and ninety days, 3 \$\vert \text{cent.}, and six months 3\vert \text{cent.}, on good mixed Stock Exchange collateral. Commercial paper is quoted: Prime innoresed bills receivable at 3\vert \text{@4 \$\vert \text{cent.}} cent., prime single names at 4 \$\vert \text{cent.}, and good names at 4\vert \text{@cent.}

Stelling sychange was seein because and leaves. Sterling exchange was again heavy and lower, with a decline in both posted and actual rates, the money question continuing the chief factor in the market. Continental exchange was also easier. Posted asking rates for sterling are: Sixty days, \$4.82\to and sight, \$4.85\to 2. Actual rates are: Long bills. \$4.81\to 2.64\to 8.85\to 2. Actual rates are: Long bills. \$4.81\to 2.64\to 8.85\to 2. Actual rates are: Long bills. \$4.81\to 2.64\to 8.85\to 2. Actual rates are: Long bills. \$4.81\to 2.64\to 8.85\to 2. Actual rates are: Long bills. \$4.81\to 2.64\to 8.85\to 2. Actual rates are: 2.00\to 3.85\to 2.65\to 2.65\to 3.65\to 3.65\to 3.65\to 7.65\to 3.65\to 3.65\to 3.65\to 7.65\to 3.65\to 3.65\to 3.65\to 7.65\to 3.65\to ers, 404g40 3-16 for long and 39 15-16g40 for short.

Domestic exchange on New York: Boston-5 g10 cents premium. Charleston—Buying, par; selling, 4g premium. Savannah—Buying, 1-16 off; selling, par. New Orleans—Bank, par; commercial, \$1.25 discount. San Francisco—Sight, 15 cents premium; telegraph, 17½ cents premium. St. Louis—25 cents discount bid, offered at par, Chicago—40 cents premium. Cincinnati—Between banks, par, and over counter, 50 cents premium.

Glucose Sugar Refining common is quoted at 294g30½, and the preferred at 294g30½, and the preferred at 294g30½, and greferred at 357g358½; American Malting at 25g26, and preferred at 357g353535; Syracuse Gas at 224g23½; New Amsterdam Gas at 293g30, and the preferred at 704g372, and the 5s at 98g99.

The Rio Grande Western Reilroad Company

The Rio Grande Western Railroad Company has declared a quarterly dividend of & \$\pi\$ cent. on its preferred stock, payr ble Feb. 1, and an extra dividend of 1 \$\pi\$ cent., payable Feb. 16.

500 Mollie Gibson ...

000 bush., as follows:

December..... February May

within 4c. The incident was the seaboard electrones, 1,882,000 bush, with attaces 700,000 bush, out of New port News aloue. The stapection was 177 ears, with 200 estimated for Thursday. Outs—There was an active demand for earth for shipment, with a firm market. Beceipis were 200 cars, with 300 estimated for Thursday. Olearances from the seaboard were 150,000 tamb."

FLOUR—Was moderately active to-day, Prices were firm for winter wheat brands, but rather easy on spring grades. The sales were 10,300 t.bls.

Sucks. Bal. to st'k. \$3,746,428 \$3,092,400 Inc. \$724,028 Dividend... 2,967,090 2,967,990 Surplus .. \$778,438 \$54,410 Inc. \$724,028 Operating expenses were 66.46 % cont., against 67.97 % cent. last year, and the amount earned on the stock was 7.57 % cent., against 6.11 % cent. last year. The Michigan Central Railroad Company has declared a semi-annual dividend of 2 weent, payable Feb. 1. The company reports for the year ending Dec. 31: 1897. 1898. Changes.

Gross earn.\$13,630,000 \$13,821,000 Dec. \$191,000 Oper. exp.. 10,183,000 10,592,000 Dec. 209,000 Total inc... \$794,000 \$778,000 Inc. \$18,000 Dividends... 749,520 749,520 Operating expenses were 74.71 ♥ cent. of gross earnings, against 75.19 ♥ cent. last year, and the amount earned on the stock was 4.23 ♥ cent., against 4.15 ♥ cent. last year. The Canada Southern Railroad Company has declared a semi-annual dividend of 1 w cent., payable Feb. 1. The company reports for the year ending Dec. 31: | Year ending Dec. 31: | 1897. | 1898. | Changes. | 1897. | 1898. | Changes. | 1897. | 1898. | Changes. | 1898. | Changes. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1898. | 1 as follows: Closing
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January . 5.76-3.76
January . 5.76-3.76
January . 5.16-3.76
January . 5.16-3.76
January . 5.16-3.89
May . 5.14-5.59
June . 5.96-3.49
July . 6.03-3.49
July . 6.03-3.49
July . 6.03-3.69
Cetoler . 6.08-6.07
September . 6.05-6.07
November . 6.08-6.09
November . 6.08-6.09 Total balance...\$893,190 \$857,000 Dec. \$53,900 Dividends...... 300,000 837,500 Dec. 87,500 Burplus \$3,100 \$19,500 Dec. \$10,400 The Chicago and Northwestern Italiway Com-pany reports gross carnings for November of \$3,204,711, an increase of \$725,877 as com-pared with the same month last year, The South Carolina and Georgia Railway Company reports for the four months ending Oct. 31: Net earnings.....\$187,835 \$153,828 Inc.\$34,007 The Governing Committee of the Stock Exchange listed to-day the following securities:
Central Railroad Company of New Jersey, additional issue of general mortrage 5 & cent gold bonds, \$2,320,000, m king total amount listed \$43,924,000. These bonds are issued to pay off \$2,310,000 of Lehigh Coal and Navigation bonds due Dec. 15, and \$10,000 of adjustment bonds called for redemption. The decreased movement is attributed by some to "usal ronds" in the South. The Southern spot markets were firm with a good business, and the exports to day were liberal. Local scalpers sold toward the close, but the offerings were quickly absorbed and prices held ateady, the last quotations being about the best of the day.

COPPLE—Rio on the spot was dull but steady; No. 7.

63c. Sales 4,000 bars Maracatbo and 200 bags Savanills on private terms. The future trading was as follows: demption. Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company's additional issue of 4 % cent, consolidated morigage gold bonds, \$2,441,000, making total amount listed \$17,tional Issue of 4 % cent, consocidated mortgage gold bonds, \$2,441,000, making total amount listed \$17.615,000.

Baitimore and Ohio Scuthwestern Railway Company's Ohio and Mississippi first consolidated mortgage bonds extended at 4 % cent, \$2,615,000.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company's additional issue of 5 % cent. fifty-year gold bonds, \$1,217,000, making total amount issue 36,304,300. These bonds are issued for the purchase of a controlling interest in the Sea View Railroad Company, \$37,500 first mortgage bonds of that company and bonds of the Brooklyn, Queens County and Suburban Railroad Company. Chicago Terminal Transfer Railroad Company. Chicago Terminal Transfer Railroad Company mortgage 4 % cent. gold bonds, \$43,000,000. 4 % cent non-cumulative preferred stock, \$17,000,000, and common stock \$13,000,000.

These securities among others were sold by auction to-day at the Roal Estate Exchange:

4 shares Hond and Mortgage Guarante Co. 190
10 shares Colonial Trust Co. 60%
1 shares Fifth Avenue Bank. \$200
50 shares Chatham National Bank. \$292
100 shares Hank of the State of New York. 111
50 chares Chatham National Bank. \$290
50 shares Phenix National Bank. \$290
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50 shares Renke of the State of New York. 111
50 shares Feth Avenue Bank. \$290
50 shares Phenix National Bank. \$290
50 shares Phenix National Bank. \$290
51 shares Tenton Pottery Co., preferred. 51
51 shares Washington Water Power Co., Spo25
100 shares The Lappin Brake Shoo Co. 5 Available cash balance, Including gold reserve.\$287,572,611 \$237,188,240 The Treasury of the United States will to-morrow payout from \$4,000,000 to \$10,000, 000 in payment for Pacific Railroad bonds, Money in London 21233 \$\pi\$ cent. Rates of discount in open market for both short and three months' bills, 2 15-1563 \$\pi\$ cent. Amount of buillion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance to-day £100,000. Paris advices quote 3 \$\pi\$ cents at 103 francs 12\pi\$ centimes. Exchange on London, 25 francs 24\pi\$ centimes. The sales of mining stocks at the New York Consolidated Stock and Petroleum Exchange to-day were as follows: 1000 Pharmacist.... 08 .08 .08 .08 200 Union Con..... 30 .30 .30 .30 400 Yellow Jacket... 45 .45 .45 Total sales, 4,200 snares 217a 22 217a 217a 221₂ 221₄ 221₅ 221₈ COMMERCIAL COMPEND. WEDNESDAY, Dec. 22.—Grain—Wheat—Spot was firm but inactive. The sales were 122,000 bush., including 40,000 No. 2 red on private terms for export, 80,000 do, for milling and May.... \$8,60 \$8.70 \$8,60 \$8.67\\2012 \$8.87\\2012 2,000 ungraded red at 94c. in elevator. Free on board affoat: No. 1 Northern spring New York, \$1.0178; do. Duluth. \$1.0318; No. 2 hard winter, Live Stock Market. New York, Wednesday, Dec. 22.—Receipts of beeves were 1,542 head, 48 cars direct to local slaughterers, and 43 cars to be sold. Dull; lower for steers, steady for exem, buils, and dry cows. Yards not fully cleared. Native steers sold at \$4.25 s.5.05 p. 100 935sc.; No. 2 red, \$1.003s; No. 1 hard Duluth, \$1.0418. Minneapolls received to-day 295,320 bush., against 201,960 last year; Duluth 72,281, against 132,384; Chicago 359,292, against 35,-250; Milwaukee 13,000, against 5,850; St. Louis 39,000, against 14,069; Toledo 21,169, against 8,879; Detroit 4,770, against 6,197 last year. Futures advanced 3sc. to 5sc., but lost this and closed 4c. to 7sc. lower on all months except July, which was isc. higher. Future sales 2,060,-Opening, Highest. Lovest. Closing. Night.

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January. 95's 98's 98's 98's 98's

May 94's 94's 98's 98's 98's 98's

May 94's 94's 98's 98's 98's 94'

July... 85's 87's 87's 87's

Barley was stronger. New feeding. 29's 29's, cost
and freight to Buffalo; malting, 45's 52c., as to quality.

Rye—Was dull. State, 50's 50'sc.; No. 2 Western. 40's.

Receipts of sheep and lambs, including 19 cars direct to butchers, were 7.121 head; 165 cars on sale all fold. Sheep in fair demand and ateadry, lambs active and firm. The pens were fully clear d. Sheep sold at \$3.372-685 \$\pi\$ 100 Ns.; lambs at \$602.86.80. Dressed mutton, \$0.9854c. \$\pi\$ ns.; dressed

\$0.80. Dressed mutton, 64,054.c. \$\psi\$ n.; dressed lambs, 84,05104.c. Receipts of hogs were 8,478 head; 461 head on sale. Stronger at \$3.70,384 \$\psi\$ 100 hs. @50c., cost and freight to Buffalo. Corn-Spot was less active. The sales were 105,000 bush, including 80,000 No. 2 mixed on private terms free on board aftont for export. No. 2 mixed, in elevator, 833sc.; 25,000 do. in store at 324sc. Futures were unchanged to bec. lower. Future sales 225,000 bush., as follows: Real Estate Private Sales. David Stewart has sold for Louis F. Weisman No. 12 West 198th street, a five-story flat house, on lot 25x100, at arout 882.000. R. J. Kennedy has sold No. 144 West Sixty-fourth R. J. Kennedy has sold No. 144 West Sixty-fourth street, a three-story and basement private dwelling, on lot 17.0210b, at about \$22,500. Charles B. Schuyley C. Co. Inves sold for W. L. Crow and Taylor, at about \$20,000. No. 1022 West End avenue, a 34-story private dwelling, to a Mr. Palmer. Polhemus Bros. have sold for William K. Pariotto James P. McQualde, the dwelling No. 1033 Fifth avenue, 5.0 feet unrith of lighty-sixth street, 10x102, at \$66,000. Mr. McQualde gives in part payment a country residence at NNack.

Alexander Kyle. Jr. h. sold to William Engel. No. 200 East 115th street, a dwelling on lot 16 52100.2, for about \$8,500.

P. J. Whittaker has sold to P. J. Nulty No. 522 West 175th street, a two-story brick and stone dwelling. 18x483416.
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West 175th street, a two-story brick and stone dwelling. 18248304.8.
Horace Hunt has sold to Marie A. Dench the property in Forty sixth street, north side, 260 feet west
of Fifth avenue, plot 12.6x100.5, for \$30,500.
John R. Platt has sold to tharies A. Gould, Fiftyfifth -treet, north side, 500 feet west of Fifth avenue,
plot 25x100.10, for \$40,000.
E. Osborne Smith reports the following sales: Hoscobel avenue, southwest corner 168th street, five and
one-half lots, for C. S. Woodward to Cortis leane
for \$5,500. Jerons avenue, southwest corner 171st
street, four lots for C. W. Strome to W. M. A. lain, at
\$10,750; northeast corner 168th street and Jerome
avenue, six and three-quarter lots, 190thstreet, north
side, 200 feet sast of Jerome avenue, plot 50x200,
for J. O. Barow to H. Godward.
William R. Smith has sold to Mary E. Lynch No.
161 West 13Bid street, five-story brick dwelling, lot
25x99.1, as about \$23,000. Mary E. Lynch No.
161 West 13Bid street, five-story brick dwelling, lot
25x99.1, as about \$25,000. Mary E. Lynch gives
in part payment, at alcout \$14,000, Sc. 312 West
theyeniteth street, a three-story brick dwelling, on lot
15.4x100.5.
Lewis W. Morrison, as executor, has sold the property in Ninety-sixth street, north side, 401 feet west
of Central Park, to Herbort B. Turner, for \$27,700.

At the Broadway Balesroom yesterday William Ken-nelly sold Nos. 808 and 805 Morris avenue, near 161st street, two four-story brick tenement house, plot 45x125, foreclesure, to Ethelbert Wilson, platents, for \$61.481. Moyer & Co. sold No. 23 Loritland street, or CHARLES II. PATTERSNN, Cashler, box of the filled in the control of the control o

building, plot 46x100, trustees sale by order of the supreme Court, to H. Reesing, for \$45,000. Court Calendars... This Bay.

Part II. Part XII.—Clear. Cases from Part II.

Surrowate's Court—Chambers—No day calendar. For probate—Wills of John P. Lake, Fanny Smith, Jeremiah McCarthy, at 10:30 A. M.; Algnes S. V. A. Hall, John F. Wilson, at 11 A. M.; Elizabeth Koop, at 2 P. M. Trial Term—No. 1299, will of Mary Johnson, at 10:30 A. M. No. 1292, will of De Witt C. Lawrence, at 10:30 A. M.

City Court—Special Term.—Court onens at 10 A. M. Molions at 10:30 A. M. Trial Term—Part IV.—Clear. Short causes—Nos. 38-77, 3850, 3810, 3045, 3873, 3820, 38475, 3973-9. Parts I., II., and III.—Adjourned sine die.

Mr. Ottendorfer's Pire Loss in Chicago. CHICAGO, Dec. 22 .- Fire started at 8 o'clock this morning in A. H. Andrews's furniture factory at Twenty-second and Fisk streets. Prop erty approximating \$250,000 was destroyed and three firemen narrowly escaped death. The fire started in a dry kiin. The firm employed 275 men. The plant was owned by Oswald Otten-dorfer of New York.

Financial.

To the Stockholders of the

Central Pacific Railroad Company.

On January 1st, 1598, the greater part of the United States Bonds issued in aid of the CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY will have matured, and it is deemed advisable that unity of action of all Stock-

ests may be properly protected.

At the request of the holders of a large number of shares, and of the LONDON COMMITTEE, of which F. G. Banbury, M. P., is Chairman, and which has on the interests of the stockholders in this country, in conjunction with the London Committee, under an agreement contemplating the adoption of a plan of

States Government respecting the Govern-ment's lies on the aided portions of the

Avoiding, if possible, the expenses attendant upon a receivership.

8. A reorganization under which a new issue

lations of the company to competing and connecting

TRUST COMPANY, which will issue its Negotiable Receipts against the deposit of Share Certificates un-der the agreement, and in due time application will

office of the CENTRAL TRUST COMPANY, 54 WALL

New York, December 10, 1897, AUGUST BELMONT.

ADRIAN H. JOLINE.

Union Trust Company of New York 80 BROADWAY.

New York, December 21st, 1897. Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with the Trust Deed of the BORDEN MINING COMPANY to the UNION TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK, the Company have been drawn for redemption, vis.: Nos

92 128 160 175 187

January, 1898, at par, on presentation at said Trust Company. Interest on said bonds will cease after January 1st

1898.
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THE FOURTH NATIONAL BANK
OF THE CHY OF NEW YORK.
NEW YORK, Describer The 1897.
The Beard of Birect's may the day do thred a semimbual dividend of THREE AND ONE HALF PER Proximo.
The transfer books will close at 3 P. M. this date, reopening January 36, 1408.
CHARLES H. PATTERSON, Cashler.

Bividends and Buterest, OFFICE OF

Northern Pacific Railway Company,

MILLS BUILDING.
At a meeting of the Board of Directors held this
day, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, Then I cearnings of this Company are now
on a basis which, after providing for fixed charges
and a reasonable cash surplus for only species, justify the belief that the Company may, with safety, be
gin the distribution of dividensis on its preferred
stock;

And Whereas, The preferred stock certificates of
this Company contemplate that any dividends there
on shall be declared and unid-justifierly.

Therefore, be it Resolved, That there be, and there
hereby is, declared from the net carritings a dividend
of 1 per cent, on the preferred stock of this Company
for the quarter ending Becember 1st, 1875, same to be
paid January 15, 1895, to the holders of record of the
preferred stock as the closing of the transfer books
on December 21, 1897;

Resolved, That for the purpose of such dividend
the transfer books of this Company be closed at 3 Py
M. on December 21, 1897, and reop-need at 10 A. M.
on January 4, 1898. Northern Pacific Railway Company,

The above dividend of 1 per cent, will be rayacte on January 15, 1989, to holders of record at the dose of business on December 21, 1897, on the books of the Vening Trustees for certificates of pr forred stock of the Northern Pacific Railway Company.

The transfer books of the Voting Trustees for certificates for preferred stock will close in New York and in Berlin at 3 P. M. on December 21, 1897, and will reopen at 10 A. M. on January 4, 1896.

3. P. MORGAN & CO., New York, BRUTS IEE MANK IN BERMANN, Agents for Voting Trustees.

KNICKERBOCKER TRUST CO.,

234 FIFTH AVE...
Branch Office, 50 Broadway.
NEW YORK, December 14th, 1897,
The Board of Directors have this day declared a
semi-annual dividend of THREE FFR CENT, from
net earn age on the capital ato k of this Company
payable January 18, 1408, to stockholders of record
of December 20th, 1897, at 3 P. M., and reopen January 3d, 1898.
EREPER L. ELDRINGE Secretary. FRED'K L. ELDRIDGE, Secretary.

PRED'K L. ELDRIDGE, Secretary.

NORPOLK AND SOUTHERN H. M. CO.
74 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, Dec. 20, 1807.
BY HOVER AND SOUTHERN H. M. CO.
A quarterly dividend of ONE PER CENT, upon the capital stock of this Company has been declared payabl Jan. 10, 1808, at the office of the Atlantic Trust Company, 39 William street, to stockholders of record of Dec. 31, 1897, and reopened Jan. 11, 1808. By order of the Board of Directors.

M. W. DOMINICK, Treasurer,

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THE HOWERY HANK OF NEW YORK,
NEW YORK, Dec. 21st, 1897.
The Board of Directors have this day declared a
semi-annual dividend of Six per cent. and an extra
one of four per cent, free of tax, out of the earnings
of the current six months, payable on and after Jan.
3d, 1898. The transfer books will remain closed until that fate. WM. R. KURAU.

No. 46 Wall street, will pay the coupon due January 1. 1898, on the first mortcage bonds of the Oregon Rallway and Navigation Company. The Oregon Ballrond and Savigation Company, By A. S. HEIDELBACH, Chairman.

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OFFICE OF

THE CHICAGO, BOOK ISLAND

AND PACIFIF RAHLWAY COMPANY.

CRICAGO, III., December 24, 1897.

A special meeting of the stockholders of The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company duly called by the Board of Directors, will be held at the General Office of the Company, No. 144 Van Buren street, in the City of Chicago, County of Cook, and State of Illinois on the Fifteenth (15th) day of February. A. D. 1898, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of considering, voting, and deciding whether the stockholders of the company will consent to and will authorize the creation of a bonded debt by the isaue, at such thoses and in such amounts as from time to time the Board of Directors may determine, of bonds, payable in Gold Coin of the United States of America of the present standard of weight and fineness, and not exceeding the aggregate principal sum of one hundred million dollars, (2100,000,000), maturing January 1, 1088, and bearing a rate of interest not exceeding five percentum per annum, payable semi-annually; and the execution of a mortgage or deed of trust to such the purpose of refunding, redeed in the purpose of refunding, redeed in the purpose of refunding, redeeming, or paying, at or become all such bonds, which are to be issued for the purpose of refunding, redeeming, or paying, at or before maturity, outstanding obligations of this Company, and of such other companies whose rall-roads shall hereafter be acquired by consolidation on purchase by The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company, and in the purpose of the future enlargement, improvement or extension of the property of thi Company and also whether the steckholders of the Company and in the purpose of the Board of Directors authorizing such bonds and such mortgage or deed of trust and indicating the property to be covered thereby; and for the further purpose of considering, votine and deciding whether Article VIII. of the Articles of Consolidation of this Company adopted the 2nd day of June, in the ye

W. G. PURDY, Secretary. OFFICE OF THE WARD SHIRT CO. (LTD.) SUS BROADWAY, NEW YORK CITY.

The annual meeting of the Directors of the Ward
Shirt Co. Ltd., for the purpose of electing Directors
for the ensuing year and for the transaction of acut
other business a may properly come before the
meeting, will be held at No. 100 East 73d st. New
York City, on Tuesday, the 11th day of January,
1898, at 10 o'clock P. M. Transfer books will be
closed Jan. 4, and reopened Jan. 12 1898.

E. M. WAED. Secretary.

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79 116 155
Said bonds will be redeemed by the Union Trust Company of New York, Trustee, after the first day of January, 1898, at bar, on presentation with the first day of January, 1898, at bar,

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DOST OFFICE NOTICE.

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Foreign mails for the week ending Dec. 25, 1897, will close (PROAIPTLY in all cases) at the General Post Office as follows: PARCELS POST MAILS. Close one boar earlier than closing time shown below.

THURSDAY.—At NA. M. for NETHERLIANDS direct, per steamship Edam, via Amsteriam (letters must be directed "per Etam"); at 10 A. M. for CAPE COLONY and NATAL, per steamship Strathord (letters must be directed "per Estam"); at 10 A. M. for CAPE COLONY and NATAL, per steamship Strathord (letters must be directed "per Strathord").

SATURDAY.—At 3:30 A. M. for FUNOPE, per steamship Lucania, via Queenstown if thers for France, Switzerand, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Turkey, Egypt, and British India must be directed "per Lucania"); at 7 A. M. for FRANCE, SWITZER-LAND, ITALY, SPAIN, PORTUGAL, TURKEY, EGYPT, and HRITISH INDIA, per steamship La Normandie, via Havre deiters for other parts of Europe must be directed "per La Normandie"); at 8 A. M. for NETHERILANDS direct, per steamship Botterdam, via Rotterdam deiters must be directed "per Botterdam"; at 11 A. M. for NoRWAY afret, per steamship Island (detters must be directed "per Island").

*PRINTED MATTER, &c.—German steamers sailing on Tuesdays take Printed Matter, &c., for Germany, and Specially Addressed Printed Matter, &c. for other parts of Europe. American and Widte Star steamers on Wednesdays, German steamers on Thursdays, and Council French and German steamers on Saturdays take Printed Matter, &c. for all countries for which they are advertised to carry mail.

After the closing of the supplementary Transatiantic Mails named above, additional supplementary mails are opened on the plers of the American, English, French, and German steamers, and remain open until within Ten Minutes of the hour of salling of steamer.

MILS FOR SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA.

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MAILS FOR SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA.
WEST INDIES, &c.
THURSDAY.—At 11 a. M. supplementary 11:50 A.
M.) for VENEZUELA and CHRACAO, per steamship Philantelphus (letters for Colombia must be
directed "her Philadelphia").

FRIDAY.—At 2:30 A. M. for NEWFOUNDLAND,
per steamship Sberhau, from Philadelphia; at 1
F. M. for CASHFICHE, CHIAPAN, TAIASCO and
YUCATAN, per steamship Orizaba (letters for
other parts of Maxico and for Cuba must be directed "per Orizaba"; at 2 F. M. for BARBADOS direct and NORTH BRAZIL, via Forta and
Manacos, per steamship Hubert; at 2 F M. (supplementary 2:30 F. M.) for FORTUNE ISLAND,
JAMAICA, SAVANILLA and CARTHAGENA, per
at amship Alloghamy (letters for Costa Rica must
be directed "per Alleghamy"); at 2 F. M. (supplementary 2:30 F. M.) for HAITI, per steamship
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SATURDAY.—At 8:30 P. M. for NEWFOUNDLAND,
per st amer from North Sydney; at 8:30 P. M. for
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Mails for Newfoundland, by rall to Hailfag and theme by atenmer, close at this office daily at 8:30 f. M. Mails for Miquelon, by rall to Hailfag and theme by steamer, close at this office daily at 8:30 f. M. Mails for Coba close at this office daily at 8:30 f. M. Mails for Coba close at this office and theme by steamer, alone at this office daily at 8:30 f. M. M. for forwarding by steamer, and the steam of the formal post from Port Tampa, the Mails for General March 19, vereland, unless per fully a idenseed for despatch by steamer, there at this office daily at 9:30 A. M. and 2:50 f. M. Ricalstered heal closes at 6:00 f. M. previous day. The North 19 f. M. Mails for Havel, per steamship horic from Son France send close here daily up to Dec. 22:34 6:30 f. M. Mails for Havel, per steamship Linetralia (from Son France send close here daily up to Dec. 22:34 6:30 f. M. Mails for Havel, per steamship Ametralia (from Son France), close here daily up to Dec. 22:34 6:30 f. M. Mails for Havel, per steamship half from Son France send per daily up to Dec. 22:34 6:30 f. M. Mails for Havel, per steamship half from Son France here daily up to Dec. 25 as 6:30 f. M. Mails for China and Japan specially addressed only per steamship half for the Society Islands, per steamship Mails for China and Japan specially addressed only per steamship half for the form Son France send those for West Australia as well as former ted via Europe. New 2 datand Hawni. Fil. and Soncean Islands, per steamship Mosan from Son France Son Fra